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Dettinger et al.

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For: Graphical User Interface for
Building Queries with
Hierarchical Conditions

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 26, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 26, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 09-0465 the fee of \$316.00 for the addition of eight (8) dependent claims and two (2) independent claims and for any fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 14 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.